GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:154
ANSWERED ON:29.10.2008
IMPACT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE ON ENVIRONMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of hazardous waste is generated in the country;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether some quantity of these waste gets recycled;

(d) if so,the details thereof and the manner in which the remaining waste is disposed of;

(e) the adverse impact of these hazardous waste on the environment;and

(f) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)to(f):A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARAS (a),(b),(C),(d),(e)&(f) of LOK STARRED QUESTION NO.154 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.10.2008 ON IMPACT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE ON ENVIRONMENT RAISED BY SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO,AND SHRI KASHIRAM RANA.

(a),(b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has notified the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement)Rules,2008,for proper management and handling of hazardous waste.The industries generating hazardous wastes are required to be regulated as per these Rules. There are a number of States which are generating hazardous wastes in the country.

(c) to (e) Hazardous waste generated by the industries are of three types,namely,recyclable, landfillable and incinerable.As per these Rules,only the actual users who are having environmentally sound recycling facilities are granted registration by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for the purpose of recycling such waste. Those hazardous wastes which are unfit for recycling are disposed of in the Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities (TSDF).The functioning of TSDFs is closely monitored by the concerned State Pollution Control Boards.

(f) Based on the experience gained in the implementation of the hazardous waste (Management and Handling)Rules, 1989 and amendments thereof , the Ministry has notified Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 repealing the earlier Rules with a view to ensuring effective implementation. The Ministry provides financial assistance for strengthening the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) for facilitating implementation of the Rules. Financial assistance has also been provided for setting up Common Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities for hazardous waste management. In addition, the Ministry and the CPCB from time to time sponsor training programmes for creation of awareness about the provisions laid down in the Rules. The CPCB has also published guidelines on various aspects of the hazardous waste management for ensuring compliance of the Rules.